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FRIDAY, Nov. 3rd.

The Introductory sermon was delivered by A. J. Battle, from Matt. 6: 10. "Thy kingdom come."

The convention was called to order by the President, A. Dockery, and opened with prayer by S. Wait.

Appointed J. B. Outlaw, G. W. Thompson, and D. Thomson, a committee of Finance.

Communications and Delegates were received from the following Societies and Churches.

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.
Wake,	Wake Forest,	{ S. Wait, Geo. Ryan, W. P. Brooks, and Thos. Meredith,	Wake Forest.
	Wake Union,	{ S. Wait, Jno. Holliman,	Holly Spring.
	Rolesville,	{ J. Terrell,* J. B. Outlaw,	Rolesville.
Gumberland,	Raleigh,	Wm. H. Jordan,	Raleigh.
	Cape Fear Asso.,	D. Hays,* J. S. Mims,	Fayetteville.
	{ Union Female M. Society,	J. McDaniel, S. Mims,	do.
Chatham,	Cape Fear church,	David Thomas,	
	Reaves' Chapel,	John Burk,	
	Bear Creek,	Willis Coggin,	
	Rock Spring,	{ G. W. Thompson, S. Moore,	Pittsboro'.
	{ May's Chapel F. M. Society,	W. White, W. Burns,	do.
	Mineral Spring,	Chas. S. Fooshee,	
Richmond,	Sandy Cr. Asso.,	Eli Phillips,	
	Cartledge's Creek,	{ G. Northam, R. Wat- kins, A. Dockery,	Dockery's Store.
		Geo. W. Douglass,	
Wilkes, Rowan, Sampson,	Brier Creek,	J. N. Frost,	Judesville.
	Eaton's church,	{ D. S. Williams, J. L. Boykin,	
	{ Cohary Bap. M. Society,	J. Culpepper, Sen.,	
Anson, Craven, Caswell, Nash, Edgecombe, Bladen, Orange,	Rocky River,	T. Meredith, Z. Slade,	Newbern.
	Newbern,	Wm. Slade,	
	Country Line,	A. J. Battle,	
Person, Duplin, Montgomery,	Nashville church,	Wm. H. Merritt,	
	Tarboro' church,	Anderson Clemmons,	
	Beaverdam Ch.	Wm. Hooper,	
P ega alte A	Holly Branch,	David Patterson,	
	Cross Roads,	R. D. Bumpas,	
	Wilmington Ch.,	R. McNabb,	
Johnson,		E. S. Jordan,	
	Smithfield,	{ Jos. Bryan, Wm. J. Finley,	
	Beulah Associa.,	{ Reuben Sanders,* Ransom Sanders,	
Edel,	New Hope,	J. Reddin, T. D. Odum, J. B. Ballard.	Oak Forest.

Elected the following brethren officers:

A. DOCKERY, President.

T. MEREDITH,
J. B. OUTLAW, } Vice Presidents,
S. WAIT,

WM. H. JORDAN, Cor. Sec.

JAS. MCDANIEL, Rec. Sec.

A. J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Samuel Wait, Wm. H. Merrit, John Purify, B. T. Sanders, Ransom Sanders, David Thomson, Wm. Crenshaw, C. W. Skinner, J. M. Frost, R. D. Bumpas, T. B. Barnett, Wm. Slade, E. S. Jordan, G. W. Thomson, S. Pleasant, J. Fushee, Wm. Roles, W. H. Jordan, Wm. Crenshaw, A. J. Battle, D. S. Villiams, G. Ryan, G. Thomson, J. S. Mimms, M. D. Freeman, D. Thomas, Richard Jacks, A. Clements, Richard Noles.

Invited Corresponding delegates and visiting brethren to a seat. J. F. Tinsly, and A. M. Poindexter from the general Association of Virginia, A. Maclay, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society, Geo. Purify, J. B. Ballard, and M. D. Freeman, accepted the invitation.

Appointed the following committees—on Foreign Missions, Maclay, Merritt, and Freeman; on Domestic Missions, Wait, McNabb, and Bumpas; on Education, Hooper, J. S. Mims, and Bryan; on Periodicals, Tinsley, Poindexter, and Brooks; on Wake F. Institute, Outlaw, Meredith, and Slade; on Sunday Schools, Ballard, Purify, and Northam; on Temperance, Finley, E. Jordan, and Bryan; on Tracts, Poindexter, Thames, and Boykin; On the best method of imparting religious instruction to the coloured population of our country, Poindexter, Meredith, and Outlaw; on Board of managers, Williams, Freeman, and Bumpas; on the proficiency of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest, Wait, McNabb, and Bumpas.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock this evening. Prayer by T. Meredith.

SEVEN O'CLOCK.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by Wm. Hooper.

Called for Reports of the Missionaries—reports were received from Douglas, Jacks, Phillips, Shattuck, and Finley.

Resolved, That the reports of the Missionaries be submitted to a publishing committee, consisting of T. Meredith, and W. H. Jordan, and that said committee prepare an abstract from them, to be appended to these minutes.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.—Prayer by A. Maclay.

SATURDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by A. Maclay.

Read the Bye-laws of the Convention.

Invited A. Maclay, Agent of the American and Foreign Bible Society to make his statement concerning the Society.

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Unanimously resolved, That this body cordially approve of the formation of the A. and F. Bible Society, and recommend that they engage in Home as well as Foreign distribution.

Adjourned until 4 o'clock—Prayer by J. F. Tinsley.

FOUR O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by M. D. Freeman.

Resolved, That this Convention request of bro. Maclay, a manuscript of the statements ne made to-day, concerning the Bible cause, and that bro. Meredith be requested to publish them in the Recorder.

Committee on the nomination of a Board of Managers for the ensuing year, reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by D. Thames.

SABBATH MORNING.

The exercises were introduced by D. S. Williams from Luke 19. 41, 42. "And when he was come near the city, he wept over it, saying if thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes."

T. Meredith followed with a missionary sermon from Romans 10. 13, 14, 15. "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him, of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent." A collection was then taken up in aid of the objects of the convention.

J. F. Tinsley then addressed the congregation from Ecclesiastes 12. 13. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

At 3 o'clock R. Jacks preached from Romans 10. 27. "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

At candle-light J. McDaniel delivered a sermon before the convention, from Acts 1. 8. "Ye shall be witnesses unto me."

MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by R. Phillips.

Resolved, That the missionaries be required to make reports at the expiration of every three months to the corresponding secretary, and that their compensation be paid only as they shall report service.

Resolved, further, That the last report of the missionaries be made one month before the sitting of the Convention.

Resolved, That the missionaries be paid for services already rendered.

p. *Resolved*, That all monies sent to this convention for the Bible interest, be paid over to the Treasurer of the State Bible Society.

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alte Called on Committees to report. Committees on Domestic Missions, Wake F. Institute, Sunday Schools, and Tracts, reported respectively—
A reports approved and ordered to be printed.

Committee on the best method of imparting religious instruction to our colored population, reported—report after some amendment, approved and ordered to be printed.

Adjourned to 7 o'clock—Prayer by A. Maclay.

SEVEN O'CLOCK, P. M.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by J. B. Ballard.

Committees on F. Missions, Education, and the agency reported—reports approved and ordered to be printed.

The Committee appointed at the last session of this Convention, to take immediate measures to raise \$17,000 for the purpose of endowing our Theological professorship at Wake Forest Institute, reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appointed Meredith, Sanders, and Outlaw, a Committee on the expediency of appointing Missionaries, & on the nomination of the Missionaries, in the event of its being deemed expedient to appoint Missionaries for the ensuing year.

Appointed Wait, Bumpas and Battle, a committee to nominate an Agent.

Resolved, That this body cordially concur with the proposition of our South Carolina Brethren, submitted by Brother Meredith, in relation to a union of the papers of the two States; but are of the opinion that it is indispensable to the interests of this Convention, that the publication be issued in some part of this State.

Appointed the next session of this convention to be at Brown's Meeting House, 5 miles north of Clinton, Sampson County, on Friday before the first Lord's day in Nov. 1838.

Adjourned to to-morrow morning 9 o'clock—Prayer by D. S. Williams.

TUESDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment—Prayer by W. H. Jordan.

Appointed James S. Mims to preach the introductory sermon at the next session of this convention.

Appointed Wm. H. Jordan to preach a sermon before the convention on Saturday, at the next session of this convention.

Appointed S. Wait, A. J. Battle, and R. M'Nabb, delegates to the General Association of Virginia, to be held in the city of Richmond in 1838.

Resolved, That brethren Outlaw, Jordan, and Roles, be a Committee to make such arrangements with brother Leach, should he arrive from the North, for becoming an Agent of this body, as they may deem expedient.

Resolved, That said Committee be appointed to correspond with brother Crawford, of N. York, and to secure, if practicable, his services, as permanent Agent of this body.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every baptist in N. Carolina, to use every means (sanctioned of God) to advance the objects of the Baptist State Convention.

Resolved, further, That the brethren are affectionately requested to

make efforts for the increase of the funds of the Convention generally, but especially Home Missions and Education.

Resolved, That there be 1500 copies of these Minutes printed and distributed as hitherto by T. Meridith.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body pay over to T. Meredith, the sum due him for printing the minutes of the last Convention.

Resolved, That the wages of our Missionaries be increased to \$1 per day.

Resolved, That we employ brother Jacks 12 months, brother Phillips 4 months, brother Shattuck 8 months, brother Douglas 6 months, and brother M'Nabb till the next session of the Board, as Missionaries of this body.

Resolved, That the President, Vice President, and Recording Secretary of this Convention, be requested to write their signatures across the exceptionable part of the original manuscript of the report on the best method of imparting religious instruction to our colored population; and that the same be preserved by the Secretary, as proof against any malignant charges which may hereafter be brought against it.

Resolved, That the Agent, when procured, be instructed to take county after county, and form primary societies, to aid the objects of the Convention.

Resolved, That the Missionaries be instructed to make collections for the objects of this Convention.

Appointed brethren A. Maclay, J. S. Mims, D. Thomson, and D. S. Williams, Delegates to the South Carolina Convention, at their next session.

Committee on Temperance, reported—report accepted, and ordered to be printed.

Committee on Periodicals, reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Resolved, That the Committee on the proficiency of the beneficiaries at Wake Forest Institute, be discharged; and that the matter be submitted to the Board of Managers at their semi-annual meeting in July.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this body pay over into the hands of the Trustees of the Wake Forest Institute, the funds for Education now in hand.

Resolved, That the Treasurer of this Convention, transmit to the Treasurer of the general Convention, the funds for Foreign Missions.

Financial Committee reported—report accepted and ordered to be printed.

Appointed brethren S. Wait, T. Meredith, and D. S. Williams, Delegates to the Triennial Convention, and A. J. Battle, and J. Culpeper (sen.) alternates.

Appointed S. Wait, T. Meredith, D. S. Williams, A. J. Battle, and J

Culpeper (sen.) Delegates to the Home Mission Society in N. York.

Resolved, That the thanks of this body be presented to the inhabitants of this vicinity for the hospitable entertainment furnished during the session.

Adjourned. Address and prayer by A. Maclay.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF MANAGERS.

The Board met immediately after the adjournment of the Convention.

Resolved, That the semi-annual meeting of the Board be held at Wake Forest Institute, on Friday before the first Lord's day in July, 1838.

Adjourned.

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REPORT ON EDUCATION.

The Committee, to whom was referred the subject of Education, beg leave to report :

That they find, by reference to the journals of the Convention of last year, that a legacy of ten or twelve thousand dollars has been left to the W. Forest Institute, which will come into their hands after the death of the widow of the testator.

The Committee on Education of last year recommended that exertions should be immediately made to raise by subscription a sufficient sum, when combined with the above mentioned legacy, to endow a professorship of Sacred Literature at Wake Forest. We have not learned that any thing yet has been done in fulfilment of this recommendation. Your present Committee would say nothing to dissuade from this measure, sanctioned by the vote of the last Convention. Such a professorship, if established, will be a most important appendage to the present faculty of the Wake Forest Institute. It will provide effectually for incorporating with the system of education adopted there, that thorough instruction in the evidences and doctrines of christianity, which the Convention undoubtedly contemplated in the establishment of this Seminary. Thus all the youth there trained, whether they enter the ministry or not, whether they belong to the church or to the world, will have implanted in their young minds that fundamental knowledge of our holy faith, which may in future, have the most important moral effects upon their own hearts, and through them, upon the hearts of others. But as such a professorship would not be in itself, a sufficient provision for the theological education of young ministers, your present Committee would submit to the serious consideration of the Convention, the expediency of further provision for the thorough preparation of our young ministers for their sacred work. It appears to your Committee, that, in the present advanced state of knowledge, our denomination will require a Seminary of more ample endowments and opportunities than the strength of our church in any one State, is adequate to. The several denominations of christians in our country seem to have agreed that a course of study of *three years*, after the completion of a College education, is not too much for furnishing the teachers of christianity with the knowledge and mental discipline requisite for the various exigencies to which they will be called in this enlightened day.

They will be called, not only to instruct the ignorant and persuade the careless. but to defend the foundations of our faith against the attacks of

ingenious infidels; to detect and expose and refute false doctrine, and to maintain against learned and acute antagonists, the peculiarities of our denomination. Unless they are carefully prepared for these various contingencies of their spiritual warfare, they must be exposed unarmed to the fraud and subtlety of the adversaries of truth, and often endure the grief and shame of seeing that precious truth, of which they are the professed advocates and champions, wounded sorely through want of their ability to defend it. Our young ministers are aware of the necessity of this sound and thorough preparation for their sacred function, and therefore will not be satisfied with a limited and superficial course of instruction, which will not put them on a par with their young brethren of other denominations. They will, if they do not find competent instruction in Seminaries near at hand, repair to distant and better institutions. Thus new habits and connexions are formed, not so well fitted for their usefulness in this part of our country, and many of them have new fields of labor opening to them elsewhere, whereby our Southern country is deprived of the services of her native youth, to whom she was looking for a future supply of pastors. To prevent this unfortunate result, your Committee think the only remedy will be for several of the Southern States to unite in the support of a theological school; and as S. Carolina has such a school already partially endowed, and has established two professorships, and will go into operation at the beginning of the next year, your Committee respectfully submit whether it will not be better to combine our resources with those of that State and of Georgia, (which is expected to unite with them) than to incur, single handed, all the expenses incident to a separate establishment furnished with the requisite apparatus of buildings, professors, and of library?— Why strain our strength and exhaust our resources to maintain two or three feeble separate institutions, when we might, by a harmonious co-operation, support one healthy, vigorous Seminary, which would be creditable to our denomination, and present satisfactory claims to our southern youth, as a place amply adequate to their wishes. The same furniture of buildings, professors and library will be sufficient for the ministerial education of the three States, for some time to come, and this additional advantage will be gained, that such a number of youth embodied together at the same place in preparation for the same sacred profession, will, it is believed, prosecute their studies with more animation and effect, their mental powers will be called into more vigorous exercise, and a valuable acquaintanceship and union will be promoted among the ministers of the southern churches.

If this plan be adopted, the States thus combining in one Seminary, instead of raising immense sums to support the different sets of buildings and professors, can devote those funds most usefully and happily in endowing scholarships, to give gratuitous education to the poor and pious youth dispersed throughout our land, who are sighing in fruitless desires, to improve the talents with which God has blessed them, that they may devote them when thus improved, to the glory of the Giver and the edification of his church. Your Committee humbly present these considerations to the best judgement of the Convention, praying that God may guide and influence them in the adoption of the wisest measures for the good of our beloved church.

WILLIAM HOOPER, *Ch.*

REPORT ON WAKE F. INSTITUTE.

Your Committee charged with the consideration of the present condition and future prospects of the Wake Forest Institute, the *child* of this Convention, and of prayer and of promise—Respectfully report :

That every thing in the past history, present condition, and future prospects of that seat of learning and nursery of piety, and we trust too, of ministerial power and usefulness, is of a most cheering character, and cries onward.

Goodness and mercy have followed Wake Forest Institute from infancy to youth, for it can scarcely be said yet to have reached the vigor of manhood, & won for it favor and success beyond all expectation. It has already reached a literary distinction beyond its years. And the most glorious of all, God has blessed it, every year of its existence, with a most remarkable outpouring of his holy spirit, upon teachers and pupils, and in the present year the surrounding neighborhood. We know of no other Seminary of learning so signally blessed in this respect. In that sequestered spot of rural beauty, where the solitude and silence of the forest were only broken by the moans of the passing breezes, the lights of science now scatter their radiance, the hum of industry is heard, and by the messenger of truth, "the violated law speaks out its thunders, and in strains as sweet as Angels use, the Gospel whispers peace," and the repentant sigh and heartfelt prayer of the penitent, and the songs of new born souls, break ever and anon, upon the ears of cherubim and men.

Here, under the continued blessing of God, rest the sure hopes of the Baptist Churches in our State, for an enlightened ministry, apt to teach the unsearchable riches of Christ; and here the people of N. Carolina, who have a country inferior to none of the original States, and who have every incentive that can actuate freemen to shake off the long existing apathy concerning the education of their children, may safely commit their sons. The system here pursued, no longer leaves an accomplished education in the questionable figure of a mere skeleton, composed of a few elementary branches, superadded to some acquaintance with the ancient classics. Nor is it *here* left to cover itself with flesh and features, as chance may direct, or the fatal influences of improper companionship, or the crude notions of those who have been dropped into the profession of instructors, as too often happens, by the accidents of life, or its weakness, follies, or irregularities; but fullness and proportion are given to the system; and hence, in the maturity of its growth, it presents us with the graceful outlines of moral and intellectual symmetry and beauty; the combined expression of art and knowledge; the formed moral character and invigorated faculties, in high culture. It comprehends every minutia; even the amusements and moderate manual labors of the students, are included among the objects and duties of the teachers; securing to the former, the most healthful and salutary exercises of the muscles and limbs; while they are guarded with paternal care, against vicious and impure motives and practices; while on the other hand, they are incited by every lofty and ennobling consideration, to the love and practice of virtue, in all that is said and done. Young men thus educated, cannot fail to be prepared for action in all the relations of life, in social intercourse, in love of industry, in quickness of thought and fertility of resources; and whatsoever station in society they fill, to be at once its ornaments, and the friends of God and man. The Statesman, the Philanthropist, the Christian, need never despair of the repub-

lic, so long as our sons are thus educated. The last examination of the students of the Institute, which took place in July last, fully sustained its previous character for efficiency and usefulness. It did more; and should win for the Professors and Tutors and Pupils, the plaudit of "well done" from its friends.

The Committee, the Convention, the Baptist churches, and the public, cannot too highly estimate the worth, piety, learning and skill of the Professors and their assistants; nor the industry, progress and promise of ripe scholarship, of many of the students. Harmony and good deportment is the general order of the day; and the students mostly evince much pride in the growing celebrity of their Seminary, and are attached to their teachers and employments.

The universal good health, the manifest fine constitutional vigor, and the progress of the young men in their literary course, furnish the very best evidence of the great utility of combining moderate manual labor with the sedentary habits of the persevering student.

Nothing is now left for the wishes of the friends of the Institute, but its endowment with proper Philosophical Apparatus and a Library, and well supported Professorships in the different departments. These benefits its friends and a generous public, are well able to bestow upon it. Having these, and the right to confer collegiate honors, it will rank at no distant day, with the very first colleges in our country. The diminution in the number of students the past year, your Committee apprehend, is no sufficient cause for alarm or depression; believing that all sources of complaint are removed, and that the pressure for money now pervading our country will ere long pass away.

With such prospects before us, let us thank God and take courage; committing the Institute to the abiding smile of him whose is the earth, and the fullness thereof, the round world and all that it contains, and whose is the glory forever.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOSEPH B. OUTLAW, *Ch.*

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REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

The Committee on periodicals report:

That the very limited attention which they have been permitted to bestow upon this subject, has only tended to confirm them in the opinion, that far too little regard has been paid to this department of christian enterprize. It is evident that the press may be made one of the most efficient means of accomplishing the great ends of the church. Much may be done by our religious periodicals for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, which as far as human means are concerned, could be affected in no other way. The abundant and varied resources from which their columns may now be supplied, and the increased facilities by which they may now be sent abroad through the country, afford religious editors an opportunity of giving useful knowledge to thousands and millions, who otherwise must die in comparative ignorance.

A religious paper is an organ of general communication for the scattered members of the church, and thus becomes the medium through which her movements may be carried forward. It is here we learn each other's sentiments, and compare each others's views. Here, as at the point of central motion, our sympathies meet and mingle, and our

plans and purposes receive an impetus which is felt in every extremity, and exerts a healthful influence over the whole system of means and measures. And if the wise and intelligent statesman has been taught to rely upon the political press for the improvement of public sentiment, and the prosperity of his country, much more may the christian look to the religious press, as to a fountain of moral and religious information, whose living streams may be sent forth to moisten and enrich the borders of our Zion, and cause her to become the praise of the whole earth. In view of these considerations your Committee feel much gratified in learning that your own paper, the *Biblical Recorder*, a paper so ably edited, and so well calculated to promote the cause of religion, has, through the assiduity and untiring labors of its editor, been enabled to triumph over its former difficulties, and is now in a more prosperous condition than it has been. We believe that with the reputation it has acquired, and the support it must obtain from a liberal public, it would gloriously prosper single handed; but as the Board of the Baptist Convention of South Carolina, has kindly proposed a union of the editorial departments of the two States, if such an arrangement can be made as will be mutually satisfactory, your Committee would recommend that it be done. Should no such arrangement be made, we trust the friends of Christ in your State &c. will feel it obligatory on them to labor for a more extensive circulation of your own paper, in connection with which we earnestly recommend the *Christian Review*, as being well calculated to improve the taste and piety of any community where it shall be read. All of which is respectfully submitted.

ISAAC S. TINSLEY, *Ch.*

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REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your committee on Foreign Missions would respectfully submit the following report:

That the Foreign Mission enterprise is a work which is authorized and enjoined in the scriptures, and which has received token of Divine approbation. In the origin of the Foreign Mission cause, the hand of God evidently appeared in providing Missionaries pre-eminently qualified for the work to which they were called, and the Lord has crowned their labours with a signal blessing. The American Baptist Board of Foreign Missions, acting under the Triennial Convention, have established missions in Germany, France, Greece and Africa. We have also ten or twelve Missionary stations established among the Indians of our Forests, on all of which the Lord has given special blessings, especially the Missions among the Cherokees in this State. The Mission in Burmah is allowed by the whole christian Community, to be one of the most interesting missions that now exist on the face of the Globe. The Karens appear to be a people prepared of the Lord to receive with meekness the engrafted word of life. No sooner do they hear of a crucified redeemer than they obey him. The mission at Bankock, in Siam, embraces the Siamese and the Chinese. Here there is a church composed of Chinese. At a late prayer meeting, held with said Church, all the male members engaged in prayer, after which one of their number wished to pray a second time; permission being granted, he engaged with great fervency in

praying for the salvation of his countrymen, which deeply affected all present. A mission has also lately been established under the most favourable prospects among the Shians. Your committee are of opinion that the Baptist Board of Foreign Missions have conducted the important business committed to their charge with much zeal, ability and discretion, and that entire confidence should be placed in them by the whole christian community. Missions, both Home and Foreign, are of divine origin. John the Baptist, Jesus Christ, the Seventy Disciples, the Twelve Apostles, all acted as Home Missionaries. But after Christ rose from the dead, he enlarged this commission so as to embrace Foreign Missions, and said "Go teach all nations &c." "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned." In obedience to their Lord, they went forth into the heart of the heathen world and proclaimed among them the unsearchable riches of Christ, and millions of idolaters were converted to God. The great commission is still binding upon us, and we are still under the strongest obligations to carry it into full effect, and he who refuses to obey, is acting the part of a rebel against the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Resolved, That we recommend to the Churches in this State liberally to sustain our Foreign Missions by their contributions and prayers, and that they observe the monthly concert of prayer.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

A. MACLAY, *Ch.*

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REPORT ON RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION OF SLAVES.

The Committee appointed to report upon the best means of imparting religious instructions to the coloured population report:

That, in reflecting upon this subject, they are decidedly convinced that a solemn responsibility rests on us to afford to our coloured population, and especially to our slaves, greater facilities for acquiring a correct knowledge of the gospel, than we have hitherto done. Some attention, it is true, has been paid to this subject, both by heads of families, and by churches. And as the happy result, many of them have heard and obeyed from the heart, the truth as it is in Jesus. But while your committee cheerfully admit this, they are constrained to think that their opportunities of religious instruction, are too limited. Deprived of the privilege of reading for themselves the word of God, they are entirely dependent upon us for a knowledge of its sacred truths. They have immortal souls. The salvation of Christ is as necessary and as important to them, as it is to us. Unless they know and understand the truth as it is in Jesus, so as to be brought under its saving influence, they must be lost. And can a christian reflect upon these considerations and not feel it his duty to provide for them ample means of instruction.

It were easy to show that worldly policy requires the performance of this duty. For, in proportion as the truths of the gospel take hold

upon the heart, are men disposed to discharge with fidelity their relative duties. Hence the religiously instructed slave will be more honest, more industrious, and more obedient to his master, than one who is allowed to grow up in ignorance and sin. Facts confirm this truth. And from observing the beneficial influence which religion exerts upon those who possess it, many irreligious men have become anxious that their slaves should receive religious instruction.

Your committee will direct your attention to two means of communicating religious instruction to our coloured people. The first is the reading and expounding to them of the scriptures; the second, the preaching of the Gospel.

Opportunities for reading and explaining to our slaves the word of God, can hardly be wanting to those disposed to avail themselves of them. In every christian family, family-worship is, or ought to be, performed; and it were easy so to fix the time for attending to this duty, that our slaves, at least once a day, may meet with us. And your committee are persuaded that few heads of families would find it difficult at such times to impart to them much religious knowledge. In addition to this, little or no loss could be sustained by calling off our slaves from their labour for an hour or two every week, for the purpose of reading and expounding to them the scriptures. Your committee have mentioned the preaching of the Gospel as a means for the religious instruction of this class of persons. The preaching of the gospel is the great instrumentality appointed by Christ for the instruction and conversion of men. "After that in the wisdom of God, the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching, to save them that believed." They do not intend to recommend separate religious exercises for their special benefit. In some cases, and especially in towns, this may be practicable and right; but in most instances it could not be done. Provision, may, however, be made, in every house of worship for their comfortable attendance on the ordinary services of the sanctuary. And this they think should be done. Often have their hearts been grieved at witnessing the inconveniences to which they are subjected in attending on the preaching of the Gospel. Frequently they are altogether excluded from the house of God; and most generally where an apartment is assigned them, it is too small to hold the half of those who would attend, were suitable provision made for their accommodation. These things ought not to be. In our meeting houses there should be an apartment fitted up for their especial use, large enough to afford them ample accommodation.

In conclusion your committee beg leave to submit the following resolutions:

Resolved, that this convention affectionately urge upon the Ministers connected with it, to use their influence to have provided in all their places of worship, ample and comfortable accommodations for the coloured part of their Congregations.

Resolved, That we also urge upon all our brethren to pay particular regard to the religious instruction of their own slaves.

Resolved, That by religious instruction be understood *verbal* communication on religious subjects.

A. M. POINDEXTER, *Ch.*

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REPORT ON THE AGENCY.

The Committee on the Agency, beg leave to submit the following Report:

The history of this Convention, as must be well known, has fully demonstrated the advantages to be derived from the services of a prudent and efficient agent, as well as the disastrous results of having none. And it is now the confident belief of your committee, that an active and discreet agent is indispensable to the future prosperity, if not to the permanent existence of this body. Your committee would therefore urge the appointment of a suitable agent, as a matter of primary importance; and feel fully assured that, by the formation of primary societies in every practicable part of the State, after the manner of our first agent, the interests and prospects of the convention may be, in a very short time, fully reinstated. All of which is respectfully submitted.

T. MEREDITH, *Ch.*

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REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The Committee on Sunday Schools beg leave to report, that they have attended to their appointment as much as their limited time and means would admit. They regret exceedingly, that there is so little statistical matter published on this subject upon which to found a report. They think it safe however to estimate the number of schools in the State at 300, and scholars at 13,000. A number of these are kept up during the whole year, but the most of them are discontinued in the winter, a circumstance much to be lamented. Some of them observe the monthly concert of prayer for Sabbath Schools, and attend a weekly meeting for the benefit of the teachers. Most of them have libraries which we consider a very important auxiliary, not only to the Sabbath School cause, but also to the cause of Missions. Who can read many of these books, such as the Memoirs of Mrs. Judson, Harriet Newell, of Swartz and Brainard, and remain opposed to the Missionary cause? The American Sunday School Union are still prosecuting their work in the State. About three fourths of the State have been filled up with schools, & many of the counties have been revisited. The Union intend to continue their operations until the whole State shall be finished. Your Committee fully believe that the cause is gaining in our churches, and among the more intelligent part of the community, while at the same time they regret that so little interest is felt by others. We believe that this institution, under God, is one of the most efficient means of promoting the morals, the intelligence and religion among the rising generation. With this view of the subject, we do think that every christian, every philanthropist, every patriot and lover of his country, should most heartily and earnestly engage in

this blessed cause, which promises so much lasting benefit to the youthful population of our country—the future hope of the nation, and of the church of Christ. We rejoice to be able to state from personal observation, that we fully believe that this institution, in the hand of God, has been the means of the conversion of sinners. We do therefore, most sincerely wish, that our denomination throughout the State, may no longer look upon this cause with carelessness and apathy, but that we all as one man engage in it without delay, and that every church would forthwith take immediate, effectual, and vigorous measures to sustain one or more well regulated Sunday Schools within its bounds. Dear brethren, examine this subject attentively and prayerfully, think of the happy results of early impressing upon the youthful mind the great principles of morals and religion, of training up a child in the way he should go, having the promise of God that when he is old he will not depart from it. Recollect that though you may not be called to preach the gospel, yet by teaching the great truths of the gospel in a Sunday School, you may be the happy instrument of turning one sinner from the error of his way, and he that does this shall shine forth in the kingdom of God as the sun in the firmament forever and ever.

Your Committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That, in view of the great good to be accomplished by Sabbath Schools, this Convention do most earnestly and affectionately entreat all our ministering brethren especially, and all other members of our churches, male and female, to aid in this cause in every way they can by their personal efforts, by their influence, by their contributions and prayers, all of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. BALLARD, *Ch'n.*

REPORT ON THEOLOGICAL FUND.

The Committee appointed at the last session of this body for the purpose of taking measures to raise a sum for the endowment of a professorship in Theology, have to report that nothing has been done. The absence of one of the committee from this State, the difficulty and almost impracticability of meeting on the part of the other members of the committee, and the embarrassed state of the pecuniary interests of the country, added to the extreme delicacy of making suggestions relative to the present disposition of the legacy had specially in view, have placed it beyond the power of your committee to effect any thing bearing upon the object of their appointment.

Respectfully,

T. MEREDITH, *Ch'n.*

REPORT ON TRACTS.

The Committee on Tracts respectfully report:—That they are not informed to what extent the circulation of tracts, within the State, has been attended to. They are however of the opinion, that our brethren have been remiss in this department of christian effort. They deem it important that the Baptist General Tract Society should be well suppli-

ed with tracts. They can recommend no better means^s for the attainment of these ends than the formation, in every church, of a Tract Society auxiliary to the General Institution. Where this cannot be done, much may be effected by individuals who feel an interest in the cause. They are disposed to think that in no other way can the female members of our churches so efficiently promote the interests of truth and godliness, with as little expense of labour and money, as by engaging in Tract distribution. And to their consideration they deem it not improper specially to commend this subject.

A. M. POINDEXTER, *Ch'n.*

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REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your Committee on Temperance beg leave to report,—That, having duly attended to the business entrusted to them, they are happy to be able to state, that the Temperance reform, notwithstanding all the embarrassment it has had to meet, still advances toward the accomplishment of its benign and glorious end, viz. the melioration of the physical, mental, and moral condition of millions of the human family. Certain recent indications, we think, justify the expectation that, at a time not far hence, it will have obtained an eminence whence its moral dignity shall be displayed, and its salutary influences diverge through all grades and conditions in human society. Your Committee is of opinion that the principal obstacles now existing, to the ultimate success of the Temperance reform, are to be found in the inconsistency, if we may not say perfidity, of some who profess to be, but are not, really friends to Temperance; and the supineness or apathy of too many of its sincere friends.

Respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM J. FINLAY, *Ch'n.*

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REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

The Committee on Domestic Missions report,—That, from the best information they are able to obtain, the missionaries of the Convention have been extensively useful. Every where they have been well received. Besides the benefit derived from their labours as the ministers of Christ, they have exerted a very favourable influence in making known the objects of the Convention, and thus increasing the ability of this institution to do good. The Committee therefore recommend that missionaries be appointed again this year.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

SAML. WAIT, *Ch'n.*

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS.

COUNTIES.	SOCIETIES.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC'N.	TOTAL.
Wake,	ake Forest Institute,	13 33	13 33	13 34	40 00
	Rolesville,	6 67	6 66	6 67	20 00
	Raleigh,	10 00			10 00
	Emily W. Fort,		10 00		10 00
	Elijah Young,		1 00		1 00
Cumberl'd,	J hu Holliman,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Cape Fear A sociation,	14 65	9 55		24 20
	Union F. Mis. Society,	10 00	10 00	5 60	25 60
	Cape Fear Church,		15 57		15 57
Chatham,	Charles McAllister,			5 00	5 00
	Reaves' Chapel,	5 00	5 00		10 00
	Bear Creek,		10 00		10 00
	Rock Spring,	6 67	6 66	6 67	20 00
Orange,	May's Chapel,	6 07	6 66	6 67	20 00
	Sister Burrows,		50		50
	David Patterson,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	{ Beulah Association, { (\$15 to Burnan Bible,	2 50	15 00	2 50	20 00
Richmond.	Cartledge Creek,	13 13	14 42	15 00	42 75
	Wilkes,	Brier Creek,	7 70	1 60	6 20
Rowan,	Levi Brotherton,		50		50
	Josiah Sharpe,		50		50
	William Millsap,	20			20
	James Nicholson,	17	16	17	50
	Eaton Church,	6 75	1 00	5 00	12 75
Sampson,	Cohary B. M. Society,	6 00	6 00	8 00	20 00
	A Sister,			4 00	4 00
Anson,	Rocky River,	5 00		5 00	10 00
N. Han.,	Wm. J. Finley,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	John Moore,	33	33	34	1 00
Craven,	Zacheus Slade,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Caswell,	County Line Church,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
Nash,	Nashville,	6 67	6 66	6 67	20 00
Edgecomb,	Tarborough,	13 32	13 34	13 34	40 00
	Sister Battle,	2 00			2 00
	Sister Parker,	2 00			2 00
Bladen,	Beaver Dam,		9 44		9 44
	Orange,	Sandy Creek Asso.,	3 86	3 87	3 87
Person,	Wm. Hooper,		5 00	5 00	10 00
	Wm H. Merritt,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Anderson Clemments,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
	Olive Branch,	7 00	3 00		10 00
Duplin,	Robt. McNabb,	4 00	3 00	3 00	10 00
Montgom'y	Cross Roads M. Society,	3 33	3 33	3 34	10 00
N. Hanover	Wilmington,	5 00		5 00	10 00
	Johnston,	Smithfield,	6 00	1 00	13 00
Iredell,	New Hope,	10 00	3 00		13 00
Chatham,	P. P. Smith,	2 00	2 00	1 00	5 00
	Hardy Lassiter,		1 00		1 00
	Mineral Spring,	4 50	4 50	2 50	11 50
Moore,	Eli Phillips,	5 00			5 00

REPORT ON CONTRIBUTIONS—CONTINUED.

	A. Shattoch,	5 00			5 00
Ashe,	{ Do ations by Sundry persons to R. Jacks,	17 28	13 08	5 59	25 95
Chatham,	Alex. Dowd, Sabbath Collection,	13 08	13 10	13 10	39 28
Iredell,	E. Heliman,		2 50		2 50
Moore,	Jos. G. Moore,	50			50
Orange,	Miss Margaret Barbee,	25		25	50
Wilkes,	Thomas Irben,	33	33	34	1 00
Rocking'm,	Wm. Slade, A Friend,	33	33	34	1 00
				5 00	5 00
		252 20	247 10	192 04	691 34

The above is submitted as the report of your Committee on contributions.
Jos. B. OUTLAW, *Ch'n.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1837. <i>The Treasurer; Dr.,</i>	H. M.	F. M.	Educ.	Total.
To balance on hand Nov. 15, 1837,	21 04	510 29		531 33
" Cash rec'd of Cohary M ^s . Society.	5 50	11 00		16 50
" " of Sundry persons by D. S. Williams	3 32	3 33	3 34	10 00
" " rec'd of Co-conary Church,	18 50	6 00	1 00	25 50
" " " of W. J. Finley. dona. by a friend,	32	33	34	1 00
" " " of Mary P. Battle,	1 00			1 00
" " " of H. psebah Ch. & Congregation		9 00		9 00
" " " of Rock Spring (omitted last yr.)	3 36	3 36	3 38	10 00
" " " of Finance'l Com. at this meeting	252 20	347 10	192 04	691 34
	305 26	790 41	200 10	1295 77
CONTRA.				
By Cash paid H. Lincoln, Trea. U.S.B.C.		300 00		300 00
" " " " for Burman Bible,		129 25		129 25
" " " Premium on draft,		4 29		4 29
" " " Postage on letter,		25		25
" " " Treasurer of the N. C. Bible Society, by order of the Convention, which was rec'd from the Beulah Association,		15 00		15 00
" " p'd. R. Jacks for 11 1 4 mos. mis. ser.,	225 00			225 00
" " " G. Douglas for 8 " " "	160 00			160 00
" " " W. J. Finley " 5 1 2 " " "	110 00			110 00
" " " Eli Phillips " 3 1 2 " " "	70 00			70 00
" " " A. Shattuck " 3 mos. " " "	60 00			60 00
" " " T. Meredith for pr. Minutes,	25 00	25 00	25 00	75 00
" " " Wm. Crenshaw, Treasurer of the Board of Trustees for W. F. Institute in part for our Beneficiaries,			175 10	175 10
	650 00	473 79	200 10	1323 38

A. J. BATTLE, Treasurer.

*An account of monies collected for the Convention by Rev. Richard
Jacks, Missionary.*

COUNTIES.	NAMES.	H. M.	F. M.	EDUC.	TOTAL.
Yancy,	Sarah Smith,			1 00	1 00
Rutherford,	Rev. P. Ramsour,		5 00		5 00
Macon,	Nimrod S. Jarrot,	1 00		1 00	2 00
	Jacob Baker,	50	50		1 00
	Laban Long,	50			50
	Ephraim Ammons,	50	50		1 00
	James Whitaker,	50		25	75
	R Morris, Cherokee Indian,		1 00	1 00	2 00
	Letty Whitaker,			50	50
	L. Morris, Cherokee Indian,			50	50
	Mary Whitaker,	25	1 00		1 25
	S. Littledear, Chero. Indian,		1 00		1 00
	G W. Lovengood,	50	50		1 00
Union, Ga.	John McClure,			50	50
	John Kirby,	50			50
	Elijah Kimsey,			50	50
Macon,	John Hall,	1 00			1 00
	George Person,		50		50
	James D. Franks,		50		50
	Isaac Moore,		50		50
	Wade Hill,		50		50
Buncombe,	Peter Stradder,	33	33	34	1 00
	Rev. Stephen Morgan,		1 00		1 00
	Absalom Dillingham,		25		25
	G. G. Coats,		20		20
	Pleasant Hurst,		50		50
Ashe,	Franklin Baker,		1 00		1 00
	James Blevins,	50	50		1 00
	Priscilla Jacks,	1 50	1 00		2 50
Burke,	Isaac Shearer,	50			50
	Sarah Hawkins,		50		50
	Rev. J. C. Grayson,		1 00		1 00
Ashe,	R. Murchison,	1 00			1 00
	J. B. Watson,	2 00			2 00
Wilkes,	Eli Pitty,	50			50
	Robt. M. Pitty,	50			50
		17 28	13 08	5 59	35 95

QUARTERLY PAPER

OF THE

AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

“Our Gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance—so that ye were ensamples to all that believe. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad.”—Paul.

No. V.

Mission Rooms, No. 9 Spruce-street, New-York.

August, 1840.

OUR brethren throughout the United States are aware that since the decease of the beloved and lamented Luther Crawford, late Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, the Quarterly Paper of that society, which originated with him, has not appeared. It is unnecessary to offer any other reason for its discontinuance than the well known fact that during the whole period since the death of the estimable Secretary, until very near the last anniversary of the Society, his office was unoccupied, except by a temporary arrangement.

The discontinuance of that valuable paper has been regarded as an unfortunate circumstance. It was an important medium of communication between the Executive Committee and the churches, presenting correct information of the wants of our denomination, especially in the valley of the Mississippi; the proper means of supplying those wants, and the efforts of the Committee to employ them for that purpose. It furnished, also, a cheap mode of acknowledging the benefactions of our friends; and while it proved an important and valuable auxiliary of the Society in promoting the great interests for which they labored, it is believed its periodical appearance among the churches was everywhere greeted with a welcome reception.

The attempt to revive it at this time, therefore, can hardly be thought experimental, if, as it is believed, the Baptist denomination is still as much interested in Home Missions as it was eighteen months ago, or if the periodical perusal of documents showing facts connected with missionary operations in our own country is as desirable as it was then. These, it will be the constant care of the present Secretary to present from time to time, especially such as may be furnished by the Agents, Missionaries, and other correspondents of the Society: and in this undertaking, aided by the counsels and contributions of the Executive Committee, he hopes to render it still acceptable and useful.

ADDRESS OF THE SOCIETY.

Communications intended for the Society or Executive Committee, should be addressed to Rev. Benjamin M. Hill, Corresponding Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, New-York.

Donations and Subscriptions to R. W. Martin, Esq. Treasurer, No. 57 Wall-street.

CORRESPONDENCE OF MISSIONARIES.

MAINE.

Although the American Baptist Home Mission Society bestows its principal and almost exclusive attention upon the new States and territories of the west, it occasionally extends its aid to really deserving churches in other portions of the union. Since the anniversary, application has been made for assistance to a small amount, by the church at Limerick, Me., and the Committee has appointed Rev. Josiah Tilton, their pastor, a missionary for 12 months. It is believed that the small appropriation necessary to sustain this appointment will prove productive of much good.

Brother Tilton informs us, in a letter of 7th of July, that he had baptized 15 persons since May 1st, and that there were other candidates ready for the ordinance. There is a school and Bible class connected with the church, supplied with only a very small library. Besides attending to the ordinary duties of his pastoral office, brother T. visits and labors on a circuit of four or five miles—often extending his tours to adjoining towns.

MARYLAND.

The Calvert-street Church in Baltimore, which, in its infancy and weakness sought and obtained our aid, is no longer dependent upon us. We are now pleased to recognise in that body a willing and useful auxiliary. Brother George F. Adams, their pastor, in forwarding what he considers, probably, the last report of missionary labors he shall have occasion to make, dated March 17, 1840, says, "In my last report, as your missionary, I stated that the affairs of our little church were, at that time, in quite a comfortable and prosperous condition. Such has been the case to the present time, but with increasing interest. To give a detailed account of the work of grace with which God has recently blessed us, is more than I can now do. Suffice it to say that till last Lord's day week, I have been called to baptize every week since October 20th. From April last up to the present time we have received by baptism 110, and by letter 16.

"Connected with the church is a flourishing Sunday school of about 200 pupils; four Bible classes, consisting of nearly eighty members, and every benevolent object of the present day receives their attention.

"The church has finished and furnished their meeting-house at an expense of \$2000, and it is always respectably filled when opened for public worship."

Our brother, in conclusion, says:—"I cannot but feel grateful for the benefit which has resulted from our relation to your society. A flourishing, and it is to be hoped, a useful church has been built up without detracting any thing from any other religious community, save that a few members have joined us by letter. This church we believe and pray may be the means, with others of kindred spirit, of sending forth the light of the gospel to many dark regions of our state. I shall ever recur with interest to the period of my connexion with your society, as one fraught with deepest anxiety and of undeserved success, in the cause of our common Lord.

"If at any time I can render any service to your Executive Committee as a local agent, or otherwise, it will afford me pleasure to do so."

DEAR BROTHER HILL—

Pikesville, Md., July 15, 1840.

Your favor of the 11th was received this day. I have just returned from Tanytown where we had an interesting meeting. I trust that the Lord is at work among them, and I believe their prospects are better than they have been for years. The field is truly white to harvest, but the laborers are few. Within the last few months every church in the Maryland Union Association (to which I belong) has had revivals, and many have been added. I have several protracted meetings to attend immediately, but scarcely know where to begin first, so urgent are the people for them.

If consistent, I should feel grateful to your Board for a renewal of my commission for another year, as I have a wife and four children to support, and without your assistance it is likely some portion of the Lord's vineyard must be neglected, and I should have to labor with my hands for the remainder of my support, or go to some other place where I could obtain it; this I do not wish as Maryland is so destitute.

Yours in the bonds of the Gospel,

JOSEPH METTAM.

VIRGINIA.

Brother Benjamin Holden in a letter of June 18th, complains that his labors of the past quarter have not been marked with such precious results as a lover of souls and of Christ desires, but rejoices that his congregations are increasing; that there is strong desire manifested for his labors by many who not long since spent the Sabbath in hunting, and other unprofitable amusements on the Lord's day, and in dancing and frolicking at other times. He supplies four stations, two of which are fifty miles, one of them twenty-five and the other thirteen miles distant from his residence. He has travelled 996 miles, preached 47 sermons, and delivered many lectures.

MISSISSIPPI.

Brother B. Cook, jr., labored in the service of the Society in the State of Mississippi nearly six months, and returned from his field in time to be present at the anniversary, but not in season to make his report of labors. He represents the section of the state where he was located, (East Feliciana) and several other portions of it as destitute of gospel privileges, but offering fair prospects of settlement with respectable and influential churches to ministers of suitable qualifications.

The following extract of a letter from brother John Micou, jr., shows the encouraging circumstances under which he is prosecuting his labors.

DEAR BROTHER—

Louisville, Mi., June 30, 1840.

Since writing you there has been a regular accession to the churches to which I preach. I baptized, in Louisville, two in May, and have had the pleasure since to baptize fifteen at Concord. I expect at my next appointment at this place some ten or twelve others will be received. Rejoice with me, my brother, that the Lord is prospering his cause here in some good degree. I have lately taken a tour of preaching in the county of Choctaw, and am to visit the same region each month. I received one who will be baptized on my next visit.

KENTUCKY.

Our esteemed brother F. A. Willard, who acts under appointment of the Society in Louisville, Kentucky, writes that the church with which he is laboring is steadfast, and moving forward towards a condition which he hopes will enable them to sustain themselves ere long without our aid. They are now endeavoring to complete their house of worship, for the erection of which they have shown a spirit of personal zeal and perseverance worthy of all praise. Their number of members is but thirty-nine, and but four or five of the number are in possession of property—none of them are wealthy, yet within nineteen months, the period of their organization, they had raised for the support of the gospel among themselves including the expense of building, \$5000, and about \$500 for education, missionary, and other benevolent purposes.

MISSOURI.

DEAR BROTHER—

Cooper County, June 16, 1840.

I received your very welcome epistle yesterday, dated May 13, and feel grateful for the kindness shown me by your Society, for without your aid I fear I should be compelled to quit the field.

So far the good Lord has been pleased to bless my labors. Upwards of sixty have been brought to submit to Christ in the field of my operations, and I have had the unspeakable pleasure of baptizing forty eight rejoicing converts.

A heart-cheering prospect exists in Levington, the county seat of Lafayette County. I have visited this place twice, thirty-eight have already been baptized into the fellowship of the Baptist Church in this place, and others are waiting for Baptism.

The Baptist cause is gaining ground rapidly here. Campbellism for a while seemed to take the field; but a body without the Spirit, if not dead, must soon die. So it has proved with them. The Lord will destroy them by the breath of his mouth.

I will write more particularly in my next,

Your unworthy brother,

A. P. WILLIAMS.

Rev. B. M. HILL. Cor. Sec. A. B. H. M. S.

ILLINOIS.

The following extracts of a letter from Bro. Joel Wheeler of McHenry, Illinois, to the Corresponding Secretary, will give some idea of the ministerial destitution of that region, and the efforts of brother Wheeler, to supply that destitution.

"I am obliged to supply a number of stations in McHenry and Lake Counties, and have no associate in that work. I AM ALONE! I have here under my care four churches, one of which was organized last May. This church consists of seventeen members, and is situated in a beautiful and rising village. Other churches would be soon organized within these counties, if pastors could be obtained for them.

"In Wisconsin Territory there are also three promising churches prominently situated, which depend entirely upon my assistance, except when casually supplied by some other. Thus I have seven churches under my care, and you will see how necessary it is that I should have a few assistants."

In a subsequent letter written from New-Hampshire, brother Wheeler informs us that the principal object of his visit there was to find some ministers who were able and willing to accompany him to the West, independent of the assistance of any Missionary Society; but he was almost in despair of accomplishing the object. He found some who were willing, but none of the number able to endure the expense of the undertaking. He had also determined to organize no more churches until he could find pastors to take charge of them. A wise determination for a man who already had the care of seven churches: but what will those "other sheep" in the wilderness do, if no pastors can be found to assist our brother?

TO UNEMPLOYED BAPTIST MINISTERS.

In several of the "Atlantic States" there are many good Baptist ministers without pastoral charge, and not a few who have no stated engagements in preaching, but are desirous of obtaining situations. Some of them find every door closed against their engaging stately in the ministry in any place they have sought, and their daily prayer is, "Lord, what wilt thou have me to do?"

Let such read the foregoing letter, and then decide if it does not furnish an answer to their prayer. While God is by his holy providence removing so many of his dear children into the wilderness, are his ministers afraid or unwilling to accompany them? Why are the doors of usefulness among us closed against so many men whose past usefulness is the theme of many churches, and whose talents qualify them for continued usefulness somewhere? Is it not that they should preach the gospel in the more destitute regions of the West? These are questions of no small importance, and address themselves to the class alluded to with a solemnity that demands such an answer as will satisfy conscience in view of a day when they will be called to give account of their stewardship.

TEXAS.

At the anniversary of the Society in New-York last April, the moral condition of Texas and the prospects of our denomination in that republic occupied a considerable share of attention. By a communication received only a few days previously, the hearts of the delegates were cheered with the unexpected intelligence that many Baptist churches had been organized in that country, the most of which were desirous of obtaining properly qualified pastors; that many of the inhabitants were Baptists in sentiment, and were ready to sustain any well directed effort for the establishment of gospel institutions in the country. This information elicited several animating addresses, and a feeling of warm interest on the part of the Society in the religious improvement of Texas.

Immediately after the meeting exertions were made by the Executive Committee to secure the services of brethren who were understood to be desirous of engaging in a mission to that republic, but though one appointment was made, and an application for another was favorably entertained, events in Divine providence transpired to disappoint expectation in both cases.

It is with much pleasure we now announce the appointment of three young brethren whose hearts appear deeply imbued with the proper spirit, and whose talents promise good for Texas. One of those brethren will, probably be ready to start for the country in due season next fall, the others will follow as soon as circumstances permit.

Letters from brother James Huckins, our Missionary Agent, and verbal information from brother D. R. Wright just returned from that country, leave no room to doubt that the door is now open for ministers of our denomination to enter and occupy the land. Here then, is a field for usefulness, that should be entered immediately by men of education, experience, good sense and piety; willing to endure a few privations, and panting for the honor of laying the foundations of a nation's moral character and prosperity.

APPOINTMENTS.

Since the anniversary of the Society, eight of our missionaries have been reappointed, the period of their previous engagement having expired; and nine new appointments have been made—viz. to Illinois 2; to Iowa Territory or Northern Illinois 2; to Michigan 1; to Pennsylvania 1; and to Texas 3.

It is expected that one of the brethren appointed to Texas, will be ready to engage in the duties of his appointment within a few weeks.

The appointment of brother John Peck, general Agent of the Society, was renewed immediately after the anniversary.

Brother Roswell Kimball has been appointed general Agent for the State of Illinois, and entered upon the duties of his agency on the 4th of July.

We have the happiness to announce that brother George W. Eaton, Professor at Hamilton Literary and Theological Seminary, purposes to visit the State of Ohio during the approaching vacation, and has kindly accepted an agency for our Society during that period. We feel assured of the kind and liberal attention of all our Ohio brethren whom he may visit.

It is very gratifying to be able to state that Bro. William Parkinson, being about to visit several states at the South and West, has accepted our commission as Missionary Agent during the period of his tour.

THE INDIANA CASE.

Much has been written in various Baptist papers respecting a statement in our last Annual Report, concerning a Baptist minister in Indiana who was appointed one of our missionaries. Among other things it is said, (not in very tender terms) that the circumstances related of the man shows him to be unfit for appointment, and the judgment and prudence of the Executive Committee, are not very courteously impeached in the exercise of the appointing power.

It was our design to remain silent, at present, upon this subject, in the expectation that an ample explanation would be forth coming from the *better source*—but we feel called upon by an article in the Baptist Advocate of August 1st, to explain ourselves.

As the case already alluded to, is the only one given in illustration of the *indiscretion* of the Executive Committee, we shall confine ourselves to that case.

Many brethren who were present at the Anniversary in New-York, and heard the verbal statements of the Corresponding Secretary, declare they were almost verbatim as the case is stated in the Annual Report. Therefore, those who have read the articles alluded to in the papers, will perceive at once that while the originator of them, may have intended to give a faithful report of what *was* said, he must have misunderstood the Secretary, or forgot his remarks before committing them to paper; and has thus, made out quite another case; or reported something that was *not* said at the Anniversary.

As to the brother who was appointed our missionary, he was well recommended by brethren of respectable standing, some of whom, and the brother appointed, were known by some of the Committee; he was also recommended by the missionary who stated the case to us and forwarded the application—this missionary is well known to the Executive Committee and general Agent, as an intelligent, discerning and prudent man.

But in order to assist our brethren in forming an opinion in the case, we will give the extract of the missionary's letter, and the certificate of the man's character and circumstances. (Names cannot be given unless it shall be rendered necessary.)

"It was there I became acquainted with brother _____ who is here recommended to your attention. His situation is a peculiar one, and distressing as it now is, he has preached throughout that section of the country for a number of years, and all assent to the statements in the certificate. He has quite a family to support, and by attending to the calls for preaching from different parts, has reduced himself to poverty. I was credibly informed by one brother, that he went with some ham and flour to his house one day, as an offering from a church he supplied, and he had not enough for a single meal. He told me very modestly his condition, and I could scarcely keep from weeping when he told me his children often cried for bread, and he had not wherewith to supply them. His whole soul is enlisted in preaching the gospel, but he is compelled to desist and provide for his family. He is some eighty or ninety dollars in debt, and it must be liquidated, and none but his own hands can or will do it. He says the fire is in his very bones, and he could not leave the preaching of the gospel did not *absolute* necessity compel him.

"The churches in that section are very feeble and unable to do much for a preacher, and but a few of those who are able have a heart. There are some however, who told me, did their circumstances permit, they would free brother _____ from his embarrassments.

"The certificate will, I have no doubt, assure you of his good standing and want. It is signed by the very best of men and pillars in the churches. I asked brother _____ how much he would need to release him from his embarrassments. He told me he thought about eighty dollars, and if once freed, he has children almost large enough to provide for the family while he could preach."

Certificate dated _____
 "This Certifies, that Elder _____ pastor of _____ church, _____ County, Indiana, has been for a number of years an able minister of the New Testament, and useful to the church and world—but his temporal circumstances are such that he is compelled to leave the preached word, except he is relieved of his embarrassments from some source—as such we heartily recommend him to the charity of the American Baptist Home Mission Society."

Signed by seven brethren residing in three different towns.

It will be seen by the above that the brother appointed was *not our missionary* when suffering such pinching necessity. He is now acting under our appointment, on a salary that allows him the happiness of preaching the gospel to the poor. With how much good reason the Executive Committee appointed him, we leave others to judge.

Painful as has been the task of giving facts in a case of such great delicacy to more persons than one, the necessity for them under existing circumstances is obvious.

Having explained the whole case, may we not now be justified in suggesting to some of our benevolent friends that, this case would furnish a fine subject for an annual appropriation. One hundred dollars annually would afford our brother great relief, and entitle the donor to a Directorship for Life, for each hundred dollars.

WESTERN MEN'S OPINIONS.

We feel no great pleasure in sounding our own trumpet, nor even that of another whose notes are in our own praise, but there happens to be some reason just now, why Baptist churches should know what is said of us by *more than one* at the West. The following items will assist our brethren to some information on the subject.

The General Convention of Western Baptists held their sixth meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, commencing on the 3d June.

Various important subjects were discussed and acted upon with great zeal and harmony, the results of which cannot be otherwise than beneficial to the moral interests of the western states.

Among other subjects, that of Home Missions received particular attention. The action of the body upon that subject was as follows, viz :

Resolved, That Home Missions, while they are sustained by the same Christian principle with other departments of benevolent effort, are especially and eminently patriotic.

Resolved, That the grand object of Home Missions, the temporary assistance of those who are disposed to help themselves, evinces the duty of the East and the West to co-operate in this enterprise.

Resolved, That while it is the obvious duty of our brethren in the Valley to do all in their power to sustain the institutions of religion among them, it is equally obvious that for years to come they must look to their eastern brethren for continued assistance.

Resolved, That the success which has hitherto attended Home Mission efforts, should not only excite gratitude to God, but also encourage sanguine hopes of their future benefit to the general cause of Christianity in the West.

In these resolutions our readers will be able to arrive at a *correct* knowledge of Western views of our Home Mission operations: views expressed on western ground, by one of the most numerous convocations of Baptists, ever assembled in that region.

The editor of the "Cross and Journal" in an able article in that paper of July 17th, replying to some remarks which previously appeared in another western paper, presents a comparative exhibition of the efficiency of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, with all the similar bodies of our denomination at the West, of which we have no reason to feel ashamed. He concludes his remarks with the following forcible language. "We have now reached a critical point. We are about doubling the

Cape. If our Eastern brethren withdraw from us, the cause will assuredly retrograde. In the name of hundreds of churches in the West, we thank them kindly for what they have done, and ask a continuance of their kindness."

Elder R. T. Daniel, who, for many years, has resided at the West, travelled extensively in different states, and is as well qualified by observation and sound judgment as any other man to form a correct opinion of our Home Mission operations, expresses himself on what he deems his dying bed, thus:—"the American Baptist Home Mission Society "have done more good in spreading the gospel with the same amount of funds in the North, (meaning north of the Ohio river) and part of the West, than any Domestic Missionary Society has done in our union of states, and bears a weight of character that no Association, Convention, or Missionary Society has or can bear."

APPLICATIONS FOR AID.

Churches applying for aid, should accompany their applications with statements of the name of the church; the Post office address of one of the Committee applying; the number of members, and average number of attendants on public worship; the total amount of salary necessary for the support of the minister they have in view; the portion of that salary which they will engage to raise for the given time; the least amount that will suffice from the Society for the same period; and any peculiar circumstances in their case to illustrate the necessity of their application.

These statements should be confirmed by the certificate of one or more ministers known by some of the Executive Committee: or, in case the church is located within the bounds of an Association, State Convention, or Society auxiliary to this, it should procure their recommendation.

If the application is in behalf of any particular minister, then state his name, age, Post office address, the credentials he bears, the number of his family, (if he have one) and accompany it with certificates or recommendations as above.

As the appropriations of the Society are made, in general, for twelve months; if a renewal is needed by either churches or ministers, a new application should be seasonably made, accompanied by information of the results of the previous years' aid.

BAPTIST STATE CONVENTIONS AND SOCIETIES.

The Secretaries of State Conventions and Societies, and Clerks of Associations, especially of our Auxiliaries, are respectfully requested to transmit to the Corresponding Secretary, copies of their Minutes, *as soon as possible*, after the anniversaries of their respective bodies.

MEMBERSHIP.

An Annual Member, by an Annual Contribution.

A Member for Life, by the payment of \$30 or more.

A Director for Life, by the payment of \$100 or more, or any sum, which, in addition to a previous payment, makes one hundred dollars.

FORM OF A BEQUEST TO THE SOCIETY.

I give unto the Treasurer, for the time being, of the American Baptist Home Mission Society, formed in the city of New-York, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, the sum of _____ dollars, for the purposes of said Society, and for which the receipt of such Treasurer shall be a sufficient discharge.

NEW LIFE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS.

Joseph J. Cooke, Life Director, New-York.

Sally C. Biscoe, Life Member, Lancaster County, Virginia.

Mrs. James M. Stickney, Life Member, Stamford, Connecticut, by the Church and Congregation at that place.

Rev. J. G. Wightman, Life Member, Groton, Con., by Stonington Union Association.

R. C. McCormick, do New-York, for services rendered.

Rev. S. Ripley, do Foxboro, Mass., by Old Colony Miss. Society.

TO CONTRIBUTORS TO THE AMERICAN BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY.

A few typographical errors occurred in the Treasurer's detailed account in the Annual Report, to which we invite attention. They are all in the last column, page 47, viz. The sum \$594 54, is the total amount of receipts in Virginia. The \$15 65, is the amount contributed by the Raleigh church; and the \$30, is the donation of Lydia Sherwood, Bridgeport, Conn. The last donation was to constitute Rev. Matthew Batchellor, of Stratfield, Conn., a member for Life.

TREASURERS' RECEIPTS.

Moneys received by the Treasurer since the Annual Report, up to August 1st.

<i>Massachusetts.</i>		Tythe of the profits of a Specu- lation, from a Stranger . . . 3 31	
James Eldridge, Williamstown, per Rev. J. D. Rogers . . . \$30 00		Juliana Germond . . . 3 00	
Friend in Amherst, pr Rev. M. Tilden, pr Hon. H. Lincoln . . . 1 00		For Touawanda Station . . . 60 00	
Miss Betsy Prall, Carver, per Rev. Mr. Glover, by do . . . 37		Mrs. Elizabeth Milbanks . . . 5 00	793 50
West Dedham Juvenile Society Mrs. Abigail Smith, Sec. for educating children in the val- ley of the Mississippi, by do Old Colony Bapt. Miss. Soc. Levi Pearce, Tr. to consti- tute Rev. S. Ripley, of Fox- borough, a L. member, by do . . . 30 00		<i>New-Jersey.</i>	
	\$66 07	Male Mission Soc. of 1st Bapt. ch. Newark, pr Rev. W. Sym Collections by Rev. J. Peck : Trenton and Lambertton Ch. per Rev. M. J. Rhees . . . 30 50	
<i>Rhode Island.</i>		Amwell Church, per Rev. R. F. Ketchum . . . 5 40	
Western Association of Ladies 1st Bap. ch. in Providence, per Rev. W. Dean . . . 64 00		Middletown Church, per Rev. D. B. Stout, life member . . . 46 84	
Collections pr Rev. John Peck : 1st Church, Providence, V. I. Bates, Treasurer . . . 58 00		Church at Patterson, collection Conference in Patterson . . . 8 00	
Western Miss. Society, pr Rev. J. C. Welsh . . . 43 00		Female friend of justice to the Indians, Samptown . . . 2 00	
Young Lady in Pawtucket . . . 70		Samptown Church . . . 7 00	
2d Church, Providence . . . 31 84	197 54	Plainfield Church . . . 23 41	
		Do per Rev. S. J. Drake . . . 12 00	
<i>Connecticut.</i>		Scotch Plains Church . . . 14 25	
Collections per Rev. J. Peck :		Patterson Church . . . 1 12	
Stamford Church collection . . . 36 46		Sussex Association . . . 53 31	
Stonington Point church . . . 10 00		Wantage Church . . . 12 25	257 40
A Friend in Trust . . . 190 00		<i>Pennsylvania.</i>	
State Convent'n, J. B. Gilbert, Tr. . . 160 00		A Friend in Philadelphia . . . 3 00	
Rev. B. Cook, Hartford . . . 5 00		Young Ladies' Bap. Home Miss. Soc. Phila. per Rev. Geo. Ide . . . 60 00	
1st Ch. Hartford, Collection . . . 31 00		Juvenile Mission Society, 11th Bap. church, Philadelphia . . . 25 00	
South Church, Hartford . . . 28 00		Collections by Rev. J. Peck : Church and Congregation in Lower Dublin . . . 21 00	
Part of subscription by two churches, Hartford . . . 31 00		Tenth Church, Philadelphia, Rev J. H. Kennard . . . 15 00	
Stonington Union Asso. col. . . 31 42		First Church, Phila. per Dea. Wm. Duncan . . . 60 00	184 00
Lucy Meech, Preston . . . 25		<i>Delaware.</i>	
Rev. Alfred Gates, Waterford . . . 3 00		Collections by Rev. J. P. Thomp- son, viz ;	
New-London Church col. . . 37 20	563 33	Ephraim Beesting . . . 1 00	
<i>New-York.</i>		Benjamin Beesting . . . 1 00	
1st Bap. Ch. Brooklyn, I. W. Raymond, Tr. per Rev. John Peck, general agent . . . 164 20		Nathaniel Armstrong . . . 1 00	
Staten Island Bap. Ch. to cons. Rev. T. Winmill a L. Mem. . . 30 00		Collection at School House, Christiana . . . 4 59	
J. J. Cooke, to constitute him- self a Life Director . . . 100 00		Do. at Meeting House. Leipsic John Sutton, Jr. . . . 5 00	
Westchester Bapt. Church, pr Rev. E. L. Covell . . . 5 25		Coll'n at School H. Brandywine . . . 5 00	
Collection at Annual Meeting in Baptist Tabernacle, Mul- berry-street . . . 122 10		William Henry Casin . . . 5 00	
Williamsburgh Bapt. Church, per E. Withington . . . 2 20		Collection at St. George's . . . 5 00	
Amity-st. Bapt. Church, per G. C. Germoud . . . 91 99		Do at Ebenezer . . . 5 50	
Fem. Mite Soc. Poughkeepsie, per D. H. Holbrook, Sec. . . 15 00		Do at Leipsic . . . 7 50	
Tabernacle Baptist Church, pr Joshua Gilbert, Treasurer . . . 50 21		Mrs. Alice Jones . . . 1 50	
Stanton-street Female Educa- tion and Home Miss. Society, Clarinda Phelps, Treasurer . . . 20 00		Mrs. Thomas Jones . . . 2 00	50 50
Williamsburgh church, per E. Withington, . . . 1 24		<i>Virginia.</i>	
Collections by Rev. J. Peck : Oliver-st. Female Home Miss. Society, viz :		Subscription to Rev. O. Briggs : Sally C. Bis-coe, Lancaster co. balance to cons. her a L. M. pd to A. Hall, pr I. M. Allen . . . 15 00	
Mrs. Sarah P. Munn . . . 50 00		North Carolina.	
Man and Wife in Oliver-street Church, to support a Mission- ary in the Western Valley . . . 60 00		Collections pr Rev. O. Briggs 1035 61	
Female Friend . . . 5 00		Do. in Bap Ch. St. Helena Isl. Beaufort, per D. Bythewood . . . 100 00	1165 61
Do do . . . 5 00		<i>South Carolina.</i>	
		Mrs. E. Williams, Society Hill, per J. C. Furman . . . 30 00	
		Bap. State Conventn. A. J. Law- ton, Tr. pr Hon. H. Lincoln . . . 7 88	37 88
		<i>Georgia.</i>	
		State Convent, pr A. Jones, Tr. 109 50	
		Collections by Rev. J. Huckins 150 00	259 50

PROCEEDINGS

*Of the North Carolina Bible Society, at its First Annual Meeting,
held at May's Chapel, Chatham County, Nov. 5th, 1837.*

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THE meeting was called to order by the President, Rev. T. Meredith taking the Chair, and prayer being made by Rev. W. H. Jordan.

On motion, appointed Wm. H. Jordan and J. B. Outlaw a Committee of Finance.

On motion, invitation was given to auxilliary Societies and individuals to become members of this Society.

The following is a list of its members :

Cape Fear Bap. Aux. Society	} 23 10	Harriet Hadley,	2 00
sent as delegates, J. S. Mims,		John L. Boykin,	1 00
D. Tims, J. McDaniel, S. Mims,		Wm. T. Brooks,	1 00
Olive Branch, Person County,	} 10 00	M. D. Freeman,	1 00
R. D. Bumpas,		Robt. McNabb,	1 00
Beulah Association,	15 00	John Fooshee,	1 00
Wm. H. Merritt,	100 00	G. W. Purify,	1 00
A. J. Battle,	5 00	Ransom Sanders,	1 00
Margaret H. Battle,	5 00	B. Pilkenton,	1 00
Peter Evans,	7 00	Brantly Cheek,	1 00
John Culpeper, Sen.,	5 00	J. B. Ballard,	1 00
James Bryan,	5 00	Samuel Wait,	1 00
Alfred Dockery,	5 00	S. M. Wait,	1 00
David S. Williams,	5 00	T. Meredith,	1 00
Richard Dowd,	5 00	G. Meredith,	1 00
A. Clements,	5 00	Ann Bryan,	1 00
Thos. Farish,	4 00	Jos. B. Outlaw,	1 00
David Patterson,	3 00	Hannah Outlaw,	1 00
Thos. D. Oldham,	3 00	John Burrus,	1 00
Jas. McDaniel,	2 00	Geo. Ryan,	1 00
David Thomson,	2 00	William White,	1 00
Isaac N. Frost,	2 00	Thos. Hampton,	50
George Douglas,	50	Elizabeth Hampton,	50
S. B. White,	50	Miss Margt. Barbee,	25
Mary Dowd,	25	Miss L. A. McCullers,	25
Sister Yancy, of Caswell,	} 4 00	Mrs. Stewart,	25
(omitted in last year's minutes)		Alex. Dowd,	10
Hesekiah H. Burke,	25		

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Society highly approve of the recent formation of the American and Foreign Bible Society, and recommend to that institution both foreign and *home* distribution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our brethren in this State be recommended to constitute County and other primary Societies, auxilliary to this institution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That this Society now proceed to the appointment of Delegates to attend the meeting of the parent Society, to be held in the City of New York the last week in April, 1838—whereupon T. Meredith, John Culpeper, sen., Samuel Wait, James McDaniel, David S. Williams, George W. Purify, M. D. Freeman, and A. J. Battle were appointed.

On motion, *Resolved*, That James McDaniel, Jos. B. Outlaw, and David S. Williams be an Executive Committee to take subscriptions for this Society during the recess of its session.

Adjourned till 8 o'clock to-morrow morning. Prayer by A. McClay. Thursday morning, met according to adjournment—prayer by W. H. Merritt.

On motion, Appointed T. MEREDITH, President.

WM. H. JORDAN & S. WAIT, Vice Presidents.

DAVID S. WILLIAMS, Cor. Sec.

A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Sec.

A. DOCKERY, Treasurer.

Board of Managers.

Wm. H. Merritt, J. Culpeper, sen., C. W. Skinner, J. McDaniel, J. J. Finch, R. McNabb, R. D. Bumpas, M. D. Freeman, W. White, W. Roles, G. Douglas, H. S. Spivey, J. P. Cook, A. Howard, G. W. Purify, W. Holam, W. M. Crenshaw, and John Fooshee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the 3d Article of our Constitution be so altered as to read as follows:—Any person who shall pay the sum of one dollar annually, shall be a Member; those who shall pay the sum of thirty dollars at one time, shall be a Life Member; and all who shall pay the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars at one time, shall be a Life Director of this Society.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our Treasurer pay over to the Rev. A. McClay, agent of the A. & F. B. S., all the money now in hand.

On motion, *Resolved*, That our minutes be printed with the minutes of the Convention, with their consent.

On motion, Adjourned to the next annual meeting of the Convention.—Closing prayer by Rev. Samuel Wait.

T. MEREDITH, President.

A. J. BATTLE, Rec. Secretary.